

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 549

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Jacob Terry upon being selected to attend the Tennessee Governor's Academy for Mathematics and Science.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those young people who, through their magnificent exploits, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such exceptional young man is Jacob Terry, who was recently invited to attend the Tennessee Governor's Academy for Mathematics and Science in Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, founded in 2007 by Governor Phil Bredesen, the Tennessee Governor's Academy is administered by the University of Tennessee at Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, providing a public, residential academic experience, the Tennessee Governor's Academy for Mathematics and Science is comprised of juniors and seniors who have excelled in these two academic fields; and

WHEREAS, Jacob completed the rigorous application process, which evaluated students on their performance on eight essay questions, teacher recommendations, high school transcripts, and test scores; after these written applications were reviewed, he was one of only 100 students who was selected to move on to a phone screening, the next level in the interview process; and

WHEREAS, having impressed interviewers during his phone interview, Jacob Terry became one of fifty students who was invited to the University of Tennessee at Knoxville campus for personal interviews; and

WHEREAS, a young man of extraordinary academic and communication skills, Jacob performed tremendously on his personal interview and became one of only twenty-four

upcoming juniors from across the State who was invited to attend the Academy, which will begin in August of 2009 and last through Jacob's senior year; and

WHEREAS, in this prestigious and highly selective program, Jacob will have the opportunity to pursue a tuition-free, two-year advanced course of study, meeting all of the requirements of a standard high school diploma while also gaining dual enrollment college credit for his work; and

WHEREAS, with access to the University of Tennessee's professors and facilities, the students in the Academy will benefit from the University's extensive science labs and its working relationship with the Oak Ridge National Laboratory; and

WHEREAS, finishing his sophomore year at Forrest High School in the Chapel Hill community, Jacob has attended Chapel Hill Schools since kindergarten; the Chapel Hill administrators, teachers, and staff have continually challenged him to excel academically and have helped him in overcoming obstacles; and

WHEREAS, a leader among his peers, Mr. Terry is active in the Beta Club and has been a member of the Forrest Soccer Team and Forrest Wrestling Team since the eighth grade; and

WHEREAS, he is a faithful member of the West 7<sup>th</sup> Church of Christ in Columbia, where he gives of his time and many talents serving on the worship team, the Lads to Leaders program, and participating in a variety of youth activities; he also enjoys visiting elderly people and spending time with them; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades for his many achievements, Jacob Terry has been the honored recipient of various academic awards for excelling in history, reading, math, and science; and

WHEREAS, Jacob is thankful for the tight-knit community in which he lives with family and neighbors who have encouraged and mentored him throughout his life, each instilling in him the core values of respecting others, never giving up, always doing his best, and pursuing each of his goals with a passion; and

WHEREAS, Jacob's achievement is a great source of pride for his parents, Chuck and Susan Terry; his sister and brothers, Jessica, Jonathan, and Joshua Terry; his grandparents,

Frances Tindell and the late Wilburn Tindell and Edith Terry and the late Charles Terry; his school; and his community; and

WHEREAS, Jacob Terry is a man of extraordinary intellect, leadership, and determination, and he should be specially recognized for his noteworthy achievement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Jacob Terry upon his recent invitation to attend the Tennessee Governor's Academy for Mathematics and Science, recognize him for his outstanding success during the scrupulous interview process, and extend to him our best wishes for every success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.